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1. GRAIN MISSION THAT HAD BEEN LED BY ALEJANDRO ESTRAD, INTERVENTOR OF NATIONAL GRAIN BOARD, ARRIVED BACK OVER WEEKEND AFTER VISITING EAST GERMANY, POLAND, USSR AND ITALY. UPON ARRIVAL, INTERVENTOR ISSUED BRIEF STATEMENT IN WHICH HE INDICATED THAT COUNTRIES VISITED ARE ALL CAPABLE OF INCREASING WHEAT PRODUCTION AND INDICATED THAT SALES POTENTIAL FOR ARGENTINA IS FOR CORN, GRAIN SORGHUM AND SOYBEANS. ESTRADA ALSO SAID THAT THIS YEAR'S WHEAT CROP HAD BEEN SOLD OUT.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIVATE SHIPPERS THAT ACCOMPANIED ESTRADA, AGATT INFORMED THAT SHIPPERS AS A GROUP AND AS A "GOOD-WILL GESTURE" SOLD POLAND 30,000 TO 35,000 TONS OF GRAIN SORGHUM WHILE THERE IN USSR, SOVIETS WERE DESCRIBED AS EXPRESSING SURPRISE THAT GROUP ONLY INCLUDED GRAIN EXPORTERS AND MADE A STRONG
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PITCH FOR SOVIET EXPORTS TO ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF MISSION, VISIT TO USSR BY GRAIN MISSION PROVED TO BE SOMEWHAT OF AN EMBARRASSMENT. IN MARCH, APPARENTLY GOA ISSUED BLANKET DECREE CANCELLING ALL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH USSR WHICH INCLUDED A COMMERCIAL ONE SIGNED ONLY LAST NOVEMBER WHICH HAS A GRAIN CLAUSE. CANCELLATION OF ALL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH USSR WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO CANCEL OLDER AGREEMENTS ENTERED

INTO BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS. PRESS ALSO CARRIED ACCOUNT
FO CANCELLATION OF ALL BILATERALS WITH USSR AND ARRIVAL OF GRAIN
MISSION THERE.
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